possession which plaintiffs do not have, but which is essential to their claims. However, defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings is based on legal issues, so discovery is 3 not necessary. Plaintiffs also assert that they have not had sufficient time to prepare their response because they have spent time drafting the Joint Status Report and their other 5 motions in this case. Defendants argue that a continuance is not warranted because they have already given plaintiffs extra time to respond by noting their motion for the fifth 7 Friday after service, rather than the fourth Friday. Defendants also have an interest in the expeditious resolution of this matter. After considering these factors and plaintiffs' pro-9 se status, the Court finds that plaintiffs have shown good cause for a continuance to allow 10 them sufficient time to prepare their response. 11 Accordingly, plaintiffs' motion for a continuance is GRANTED (Dkt. #42). The 12 Clerk of the Court is directed to renote defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings, or in the alternative for summary judgment (Dkt. #28) to February 10, 2006. 13 14 15 DATED this 5th day of December, 2005. 16 17 MMS Casnik 18 United States District Judge 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT - 2